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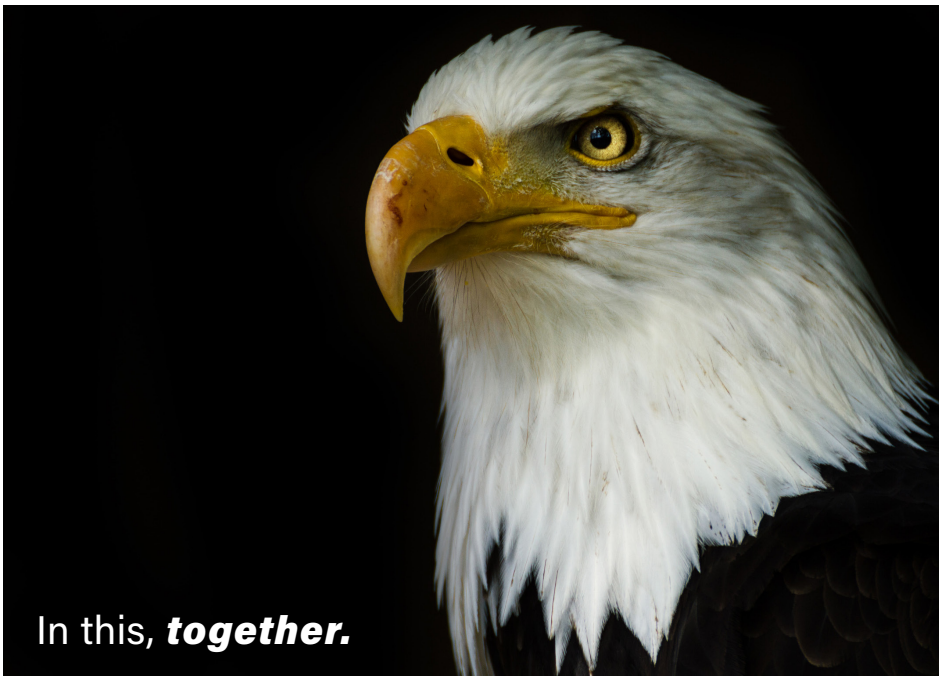

Now, more than ever, it's our duty to be People Helping People

Brothers & Sisters,

It has been heart-warming to see how our Aerie and Auxiliaries have been stepping up to support their community during this time of uncertainty. Whether that has been by providing free meals to families, or lending an extra hand to someone in need, you guys have gone out of your way to be selfless during a global pandemic.

Everyone's thoughtful contributions have not gone unnoticed – in fact, it makes us even more proud to call ourselves members of this great organization.

As things start to open back up, be sure to follow all the safety precautions, and listen to your local government officials on safe practices.

We want to see our organization thrive, but not without the proper measures to ensure yours and your communities health.

Keep doing what you can for others - it is important, now, more than ever, to exemplify who we, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, truly are, which is People Helping People.

Fraternally,

Ron Malz
Grand Worthy President

Gloria William
Grand Madam President

The 2020 International Convention is Still On

In recent weeks, we've received many questions in regards to the upcoming International Convention in Spokane, Washington, and we wanted to take a moment to clarify a few things moving forward.

First, as of right now, the International Convention is still scheduled to take place. If the status of the Convention changes per the orders of the state of Washington, we will let all of you know as quickly as possible through all of our available communication channels.

Second, in regards to Banquet/Prayer Breakfast ticket sales, any payments made WILL be refunded in FULL in the event the Convention is cancelled or if the Convention continues in a limited capacity that does not permit us to hold banquets. The same applies to fees related to pre-registration or Ritual competition. Because we understand the uncertainty in these times, the deadline to purchase banquet tickets has been extended to June 30.

We would also like to take a moment to encourage everyone to visit the Conventions page at foe.com for an updated list of cancelled/postponed State/Provincial conventions. If your State or Province has cancelled or postponed your upcoming Convention but that information is not reflected on foe.com, please let us know as soon as possible so we can keep our list up to date for your fellow members.

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Convention Corner

2020 International Convention
Spokane, Washington
July 20-23, 2020

Convention Registration Information
If you are planning on attending the International Convention, we encourage you to Pre-Register. The cost will be $45 until June 19, 2020 and will increase to $60 if you wait to register at the Convention.

Convention Scooter Rentals
The Grand Aerie has partnered with Western Medical Specialties Scooters for the 2020 International Convention in Spokane. Rentals are $150 plus-tax for the week and can be reserved at 1-509-489-6879.

Auxiliary Theme Days
Auxiliary members are encouraged to participate in dress code theme days for the Auxiliary sessions during the International Convention in Spokane, Wa.
The themes for this year's Convention are:
- Monday - Wear something Red
- Tuesday - Wear something Blue
- Wednesday - Wear something White
- Thursday - Wear GMPE Jacque Marble's shirt

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Top Producers/ New Leaders
for April 2020

Aerie:

1. #4070 Chickasha, OK	24
2. #4108 Immokalee, FL	16
3. #1761 Lansdale, PA	15
4. #3422 Salem, MO	13
5. #761 Coshocton, OH	12
5. #976 Frankfort, IN	12

Auxiliary:

1. #3483 Pensacola, FL	13
2. #244 San Diego, CA	12
3. #691 Wapakoneta, OH	10
4. #3583 Albia, IA	7
4. #287 Brainerd, MN	7

Aerie (Individual):

1. Robert Garza Clewiston, FL #4108	9
2. Lou Giuliano Lansdale, PA #17612.	7
2. Dennis E. Quick Salem, MO #3422	7
2. Kimberly Sliker Harriman, TN #3429	7
2. Freddie Greenway Kennett, MO #3715	7

Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Sandra Pena San Diego, CA #244	9
2. Lisa A. Miller Albia, IA #568	6
3. Lori L Heinrich Brainerd, MN #287	5
4. Patrice Vollrath Boonville, MO #1022	3
4. Judith Ray Bremerton, WA #192	3
4. Tina Bonds Cantonment, FL #3483	3
4. Eleanora M. Capaul Coeur d'Alene, ID #486	3

We Are People Helping People

Arizona

- Lake Havasu City Eagles #4299 donated $7,095.30 in memory of Past Worthy President Paul Mosher to Faith and Grace, Inc for the Domestic Violence shelter in Lake Havasu.

British Columbia

- Victoria Aerie #12 has been assisting the local senior homes by partnering with the Victoria Eldercare Foundation to help them provide elderly residence with iPads and tablets. This allows seniors to connect with family members through video chats with maintaining social distancing. The Aerie's $1,500 donation received a matching grant from the Royal Bank of Canada, which contributed to a total amount raised in the community of $20,000.

Indiana

- Lakeland Eagles #3760 in Syracuse, In. gave away free meals to families on April 25, 2020. Members provided a chicken dinner with beans, coleslaw and homemade cookies for dessert. The event lasted less than an hour and they were able to distribute 325 meals to those in need. While the meals were free, there was still an option to donate. All proceeds collected will be given to Goodwill.

Iowa

- Members of Ashbury Eagles #4458 made and distributed 120 pizzas to health care workers, first responders and home-bound residents in the Dubuque area. The pizza was delivered to workers at Luther Manor Grand Meadows and Hawkeye Care Center in Asbury, as well as UnityPoint Health-Finley Hospital, MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center and Manor Care in Dubuque. Members of the Asbury Police Department were invited to pick up a pizza at the Eagles' home base. Eight Eagle members who were currently unable to leave their homes also received pizza deliveries.

Missouri

- Shell Knob Eagles #4155 partnered with the Central Crossing Senior Center. The CCS Center is an advocate for seniors, and is providing them with residential opportunities.

Minnesota

- Lookout Eagles #703 made a $1,500 donation to Hot Meals on Wheels. The donation made it possible for the organization to purchase shelf stable foods and new reusable red bags that could be filled and delivered to recipients.

Washington

- Whidbey Island Eagles #3418 held their annual tradition of distributing funds to many South Whidbey Island local charities on February 15, 2020. A total of $20,600 was distributed to WAIF, Friends of the Freeland library, Friends of Friends Medical Support, S.W. Fire & Rescue, Enso House, Whidbey Island Nourishes, S.W. Homeless Coalition, Readiness to Learn, HUB Youth Center, Good Cheer Food Bank, and Hearts & Hammers.

Nevada

Comstock Aerie #523 is donating $1,000 per month, for the next five months to Community Chest, Inc. to help assist with food, rental, and utility payments for those affected by COVID-19. They are donating an additional two $500 payments per month to go towards food for the Storey County Senior Center.

Ohio

- Loudonville Eagles #2275 providing funding to the Olive Tree Care program, which is the only licensed childcare program in southern Ashland County. Olive Tree gives children a place not only to stay, but learn through hands-on activities before and after school.
- Paulding Auxiliary #2405 have been giving "blessing bags" to the county school children. They have been averaging 100 bags per week.

Pennsylvania

- Falls Creek Eagles #965 have been hard at work each week to provide a hot meal to truck drivers. Member Becky Delio has been handling the cooking, and volunteers have been helping package and deliver the meals to the truckers. They have been able to provide around 100 meals once or twice each week since they started.

Washington

- Since mid-March, every single evening, the West Seattle Eagles #2643 have handed out free dinners to anyone who wants them at their Alaska Junction location- with everyone welcome, regardless of their situation. Dinner service starts at 5:30pm every night and ends when they're sold out. Most nights, the Eagles serve anywhere from 100 to 150 to-go meals.

Wyoming

- Sweetwater Eagles #2350 presented the Sweetwater Regional Cancer Center with a $4,000 donation during their meeting on March 10. The money will be added to the Memorial Hospital Foundation's Cancer Fund which is used to fund equipment. Previous purchases made from this fund include zero gravity IV poles to improve patient safety and mobility, stationary chemotherapy pumps to increase treatment availability, and portable chemotherapy pumps and pouches to improve patient treatment options.

Convention Updates

2020 God, Flag & Country Competition Cancelled

We regret to inform you that the 2020 International God, Flag & Country Competition has been cancelled. As many of you know, State/Provincial competition winners move on to compete each year at the International Convention. Because our States and Provinces have not been able to host the various qualifying competitions throughout the Spring that make the International Competition possible, we will be unable to host the event this year. We look forward to the 2021 God, Flag & Country Competition next year in Phoenix and hope to see all of you there!

Ritual Registration Still Open For Spokane

The Grand Aerie is still accepting individuals and teams for the 2020 International Ritual Competitions for the Convention in Spokane. Forms for Ritual Pre-Registration, Shotgun Registration, Field Drill Registration and the Parade of Champions are available on the Convention page at foe.com. Additionally, The Auxiliary is still looking for volunteers to assist with the Ritual committee in Spokane. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Grand Madam President's Office at gmp@foe.com for more information.

News & Notes

Dues Renewal Reminder

All members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles are encouraged to renew their dues before May 31, 2020, to avoid the possibility of losing their membership status for the 2020-2021 Fraternal year. Paper dues reminders will be mailed to each expiring member in April, May and June. If you have questions, please contact the Membership Department at membershiphelp@foe.com or via phone at 614-883-2162.

Submit your Children's Day Event to Win a 3k Grant!

If you've held an event catered toward children during this fraternal year, submit your event for consideration in this year's Children's Day contest! The winner will receive recognition at the 2020 International Convention, our website and the Soar newsletter as well as a $3,000 grant from the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund for a local children's organization of their choosing. Entries for the 2020 Children's Day competition are due to the Grand Aerie by June 26, 2020. More information can be found on foe.com.

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